



Plant Quarantine Branch
701 Ilalo Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5524

Department
of Agriculture
STATE OF HAWAII

SUMMARY OF HAWAII'S IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements: Agricultural items include all plants, plant parts, animals, microorganism cultures, soil, and related containers and packing materials.

All agricultural items require inspection upon arrival into the State before the shipment is released to the importer to insure that they are free of pests or will not become pests themselves.

All individuals arriving in Hawaii must declare agricultural items brought into the State on the Plants and Animals Declaration Form and present these items for inspection to the Plant Quarantine Inspector in the port baggage claim area.

All transportation companies transporting agricultural items to Hawaii must notify the Plant Quarantine Inspector of these items and insure that all items, including cargo and mail, are available until the inspection is completed.

Plants, Plant Parts, and Soil: Most plants are permitted into the State after inspection. However, Hawaii does not allow the following to be shipped into the State without prior arrangements for permit and/or quarantine, treatment, or certification:

1. Sugarcane and grass plants (bamboo, sod, lawn grass).
2. Pineapple and bromeliad plants and fruits.
3. Coffee plants and seeds.
4. Cruciferous root crops (radish, horseradish, rutabaga, turnip or daikon).
5. Orchid plants and bulbs.
6. Banana plants.
7. Passion fruit plants and seeds.
8. Pine plants (all Pinus species).
9. Coconut plants and parts, including nuts.
10. Corn and related plants and parts (broomcorn, sorghum, fresh corn-on-the cob).
11. Palm plants and seeds from the U.S.
12. Pulpy fruits from Florida or Puerto Rico.
13. Various noxious weeds (yellow nutsedge, blackberry, Madeira vine, spiny tree cactus, quackgrass).
14. Sand, soil, or earth.

Live Non-Domestic Animals and Microorganisms: Hawaii does not allow live, non-domestic animals and cultures of microorganisms to be shipped into the State without prior arrangements for permits by the Plant Quarantine Branch:

1. Non-domestic animals (all nematodes, worms, shellfish, crustaceans, insects, seafood, amphibians, reptiles, birds, fishes, and mammals, except domestic animals).

*** Alligators, ants, biocontrol insects, bulbuls, coconut crabs, electric catfishes, ferrets, gerbils, hamsters, hermit crabs, honey bees, land snails, lion fishes, lizards, lorries, monk parakeets, needlefishes, piranhas, snakes, snapping turtles, squirrels, toucans, wolf-dogs, and many other animals are prohibited. ***

2. Microorganisms and microbial products (all algae, protozoans, bacteria, fungi, mushroom spawn, viruses, and products that contain these organisms).

Live Domestic Animals: The importation of all live, domestic animals (common livestock or poultry, dogs, cats) are prohibited without a valid health certificate, permit, and quarantine under rules administered by the Animal Industry Division, Hawaii Department of Agriculture. For specific information, write or call the Division at 99-941 Halawa Valley St., Aiea, HI 96701, Ph. (808) 483-7100.

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Permits: All other agricultural permits are required in advance of importation by the Plant Quarantine Branch, Hawaii Department of Agriculture. For specific information on restrictions, write or call the Branch at 701 Ilalo St., Honolulu, HI 96813, Ph. (808) 586-0844 or 836-3827.

Labeling: All agricultural parcels entering the State must be clearly labeled as follows:

1. "LIVE PLANTS", "FRESH FRUITS", "FRESH VEGETABLES", "SOIL", "LIVE ANIMALS", or "LIVE MICRO-ORGANISMS" and
2. "MAY BE OPENED FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION".

Invoice: Invoice must show the exact contents of the parcel or container by listing the name of the item and the quantity.

Penalty: Any person or company who violates Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or rules adopted under this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fines ranging from \$100 - \$25,000 and/or one year in jail, and costs for recapturing, eradicating, or controlling the pest.

For all transportation companies, freight forwarders, airlines, cruise lines, express mail services, postal service, importers, military, and general public.

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